

Update from Katy Barnwell, September 1, 2018

Dear praying friends,

Warm greetings as we start yet another month! I am writing to share what is happening in my life and to ask for your continued prayer.

1. Thanks for praying for the conference in Johannesburg, focused on plans for recruiting and training more "Biblical scholars" to help in the huge task of checking the accuracy of new Scripture translations. With work on first translations underway in more than 2000 languages worldwide, and many more to come, there is a lot to do! The discussions went well and there are possibilities to follow up. My next direct involvement is to serve on a training workshop in Nigeria, where about 20 "Biblical scholars," staff from different Nigerian seminaries and universities, will be taking second stage training. This is scheduled for November 26-30, 2018.
2. Back in the UK, I continue to work on formatting and other final editing for the new edition of the *Bible Translation* training textbook. This has taken much longer than expected! I still need to work on updating the "Teacher's Notes" that will accompany the textbook. Please pray for:
 - patience in checking details of consistency in formatting;
 - wisdom and insight to see any errors and anything that could be better worded or illustrated;
 - physical strength and alertness (long hours working on a computer);
 - and just the ability to finish this task well so that the manual will be as helpful as possible in training those who are translating into their own languages worldwide.
3. I want to share one special blessing this month: Two long-term prayer partners from the USA volunteered to come and redecorate my house here in Goring-on-Thames! They came and worked hard for three weeks - cleaning, plastering, repainting! A wonderful transformation! I am truly grateful! I now have two spare rooms in good condition (one double and one single) and look forward to welcoming visitors to come and enjoy this beautiful part of the world.
4. Please keep praying for Ern Ebak and John Afro as they press on with the Mbembe Old Testament in Nigeria.- Afro still waits for surgery on his leg.

Appreciating your prayer partnership! Love and blessings,

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